

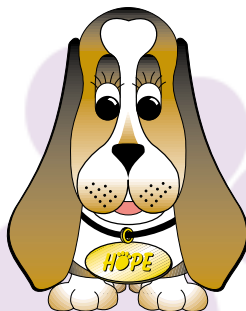
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**BSHCN family
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Visit Our Web Site:

Please check our web site for additional information. To find the Family Partnership web site at www.dhss.state.mo.us/SHCN/ click on the Family Partnership icon. This site includes:

- **Family Stories** - submitted by parents or guardians with children with special health care needs.
- **FAQs** - questions and parent's responses to questions most frequently asked.
- **Calendar of Events** - Family Partnership meeting dates and meeting notes plus other events.



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Hope for Our Families

The BSHCN Family Partnership was formed by the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs (BSHCN), a bureau of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, to enhance the relationship between the bureau and the families they serve. The Family Partnership also provides support and information to these families and an opportunity for families of children with special health care needs to connect with each other.

Members/Staff

Family Partnership members include parents, family members, or legal guardians of children who receive or have received services through the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs.

The Partnership has five professional family facilitators, one for each of the bureau's service areas. The facilitators are parents of special needs children served by BSHCN. In addition to providing information and resources to local members, they serve as the Partnership's contact person for their areas. They plan, schedule, and facilitate the quarterly Family Partnership meetings and attend statewide meetings.

Goals

The goals of the Family Partnership are to:

- Provide families the opportunity to offer each other support and information
- Give families the opportunity to provide the BSHCN input on the needs of children with special health care needs
- Increase public awareness of the issues facing families with children with special health care needs



Hope the Hound represents the hope that BSHCN brings to adults and children with special health care needs.

And to:

- Build community awareness of the unique needs of children with disabilities
- Promote state legislation for programs for special health care needs children and their families

Service Areas

The Family Partnership has five service areas throughout the state. Each service area has a local facilitator appointed to serve as the contact person in that area.

Facilitators can be reached through the BSHCN main office, **1-800-451-0669**, or by mail at: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs, P. O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

The BSHCN Family Partnership has a facilitator in each of the following areas:

- **Kansas City**
- **Springfield**
- **Cape Girardeau**
- **St. Louis**
- **Columbia**

The Mission of the Family Partnership:

To communicate, advocate, and network through a family and agency team-supported effort to enable individuals with special health care needs to reach their fullest potential throughout life.